

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

Arbitrarily setting display patterns of live pictures or reproduced pictures per monitoring area in accordance with the purpose of use. Video signals 41 of the picture shot by monitoring cameras installed in a plurality of locations are digitized per monitoring area using the predetermined standard and recorded on video recording apparatus 8. The video signals 41 are displayed on a monitor (not shown) as live pictures. In this practice, the signals undergo the multi-screen processing via multi-screen reproduce/decoding control means 11 and displayed on screens split by monitoring camera in a monitoring area or by monitoring area.